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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F. R. 1.97 the applicant submits the following Information Disclosure Statement and the accompanying documents.

This information presents those items known to the Applicant which the Applicant considers material to an examination of this application.

Sulzer 5,366,275 show a foot stool that includes a foot ring which when depressed will actuate a gas spring. Actuation occurs through the depressing of the valve extension button. A pin and coil spring assembly are disposed between the foot ring and the valve extension button. Rocking or depressing the foot ring results in the foot ring pushing the pin which then pushes the valve extension button. The coil spring acts as a leveling device for the foot ring. Once the foot of the user leaves the foot ring, the coil spring will force the ring to return to a level position.

Day 5,435,529 shows an actuation mechanism for a gas spring which uses a rotating cam mechanism. A cable is attached to the rotating cam. Pulling the cable causes the cam to rotate. The rotation of the cam results in the downward movement of the cam relative to a housing within which the rotating cam is disposed. An extension pin extends downwardly from the rotating cam. The extension pin moves downwardly with the rotating cam and depresses the valve extension button of the gas spring.

Scholten et al. Re. 35,805 shows an actuation mechanism which pivots within two openings disposed within a horizontal surface.

Dony 4,989,698 shows an actuation device for lockable gas springs. The lockable gas spring is not part of a height adjustable furniture column, but is designed to be used in situations where the opposing ends of the gas spring can pivot. The lever of the control device pivots in two directions.

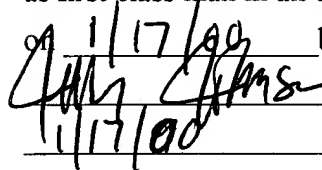
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